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**ELECTRA SALVAGE COMMITTEE GIVEN CITATION BY WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA**

The gift of $1,500 to the Electra Public Library by the Electra Salvage Committee was selected by the Editors of Who's Who in America, 1948-49, as an outstanding example of the fact that philanthropy need not stem from the accumulation of wealth by individuals. The committee, consisting of Messrs. G.M. Douglas, T.Leo Moore, and Allan Krohn, gave the proceeds from the sale of scrap collected during the war to worthy projects, the $1,500 presented the library amounting to 166% of its average annual income.

**T.L.A. MEETING IN AUSTIN ELECTS NEW OFFICERS**

We regret that we do not have space to present a detailed account of the 35th Annual Meeting of the Texas Library Association which was held in Austin April 1-3. 330 Texas librarians and friends of Texas libraries registered, the largest registration for any T.L.A. meeting yet held. With few exceptions the program was carried out as scheduled and the general opinion seemed to be that it was a most successful meeting.

Officers elected for 1948-49 are:

President
Arless Nixon, Librarian
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Kilgore

1st Vice-President and President-elect
Arthur M. Sampley, Librarian
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Denton

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Fort Worth

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Lois Bailey, Acting Librarian
Southern Methodist University
Dallas

Member-at-Large
Alexander Moffit, Librarian
University of Texas
Austin

**TEXAS FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES ELECT OFFICERS FOR 1948-1949**

Officers elected at the Annual Meeting are:

President
Mrs. M. P. Swann
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University of Texas, Austin

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**COUNTY LIBRARIANS HOLD INSTITUTE AT BUCHANAN DAM** The County Library Division of T.L.A. held a 3-day Institute in the Administration Building at Buchanan Dam. They were the guests of the Lower Colorado River Authority, and their tales of the food provided at a cost of $6 per person for the 3-day stay made them the envy of all other members of T.L.A.

Bernice Hurst, Chairman, Bernice Snell, Vice-Chairman, and Mildred Eudaly, Secretary-Treasurer of the County Division were in charge of the workshop program. Mrs. R. H. Wilson, Extension Director, State Library, was in charge of the planning and preparation of the meals which were an outstanding feature of the Institute.

Committees had been appointed in advance to consider routines in the fields of book acquisition, processing, registration and charging procedures, personnel problems, and problems and possibilities for more extensive inter-library cooperation. For the first day and a half the several committees met, studied, and came to some agreements (and disagreements) which they reported to the general sessions for discussion and evaluation. One evening was devoted to a panel discussion on public relations. Panel members were Olga Peterson, Librarian of the University of St. Thomas, Houston; R.R. Douglass, Director of the Graduate School of Library Science, University of Texas; and F. H. Henshaw, State Librarian.

The main purpose of the Institute was to begin preparation of a manual for Texas County Libraries which will incorporate the best thinking and practices arrived at through committee work and group discussion. The secondary purpose was to bring together for work and play county librarians from all parts of the State. It was the unanimous opinion of those attending that both purposes had been achieved.

**A.L.A. TO MEET IN ATLANTIC CITY** The 67th annual conference of the American Library Association will be held in Atlantic City from June 13 to 19 inclusive. An attendance of 7,000 delegates is anticipated. The program will be built around the Four Year Goals and the theme will probably concern "Libraries and Public Opinion." In preparation for showings of new audio-visual equipment, library materials and books, 132 booths are being made available to exhibitors.

Delegates are urged to make reservations early through the Housing Bureau, 16 Central Pier, Atlantic City, New Jersey.

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY LIBRARY** Katherine Ard, for the past nine years librarian of the Nueces County Library, has taken over the organization and development of the Montgomery County Library with headquarters in Conroe.

**FORT WORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY** Sara Barcus, until recently an Army librarian stationed in San Francisco, and sometime assistant in the Harris County Library, has accepted the position of Extension Director in the Fort Worth Public Library.

Fort Worth's new $5,000 bookmobile will soon be ready to operate. The mobile library is a tribute to the memory of the late Mrs. Bacon Saunders, long-time library board member. Her daughter, Mrs. C.D. Reimers gave the bookmobile to the city.

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SUGGESTED EDITORIAL ON LIBRARY DEMONSTRATION BILL -- H.R. 2465

It is encouraging to know that progressive congressmen are trying to make free library service as universal as rural free delivery. The Library Demonstration Bill, which was recently passed by the Senate, would assist states in extending library service to the 35,000,000 Americans -- 32,000,000 of them in rural areas -- who do not have access to public library facilities.

Several Texas congressmen are strongly supporting the bill, and one told his colleagues recently: "This bill would do a lot for my state of Texas, as well as for other states. There are more people in Texas without library service than in any other state. Over 3,000,000 Texans, or about half our population, do not know what free public library service is. Of the 254 counties in Texas, 150 have no public library within their bounds."

Under the terms of the bill, Texas will receive $25,000 a year outright, and up to $75,000 a year more, to be matched by State funds, for a four year library demonstration program. The Texas State Library will make the plans for using money made available under the bill, and will be in complete charge of the demonstration program. The bill specifically provides that there shall be no interference or dictation by the Federal government. Texas would use the money to establish county and intercounty library service throughout the State.

That this library legislation is needed is evidenced by the large number of requests received by the Texas State Library for aid to counties desiring to establish county libraries. These requests must be denied because Texas, unlike many states, does not grant state aid to libraries. Every citizen interested in library development should write his congressman now urging favorable action on H.R.2465.

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